

REMARKS

Request & Status

The application stands allowed as indicated in the Notice mailed on 7 March 2008.

Kindly enter the amendment above prior to issuance of the subject application.

Claims 13 and 18-21 have been canceled, as agreed.

Claims 1-12 and 14-17 are pending and allowed.

Procedural Posture

The application was remanded to the Examiner after a Decision by the BPAI affirming the rejection of Claims 10-12, 14 and 18-21. Claims 1-9 and 15-17 were allowed and Claim 13 was indicated as being allowable but was objected to for dependence on a rejected base claim.

On or about 4 February 2008, Applicant's representative authorized cancellation of Claims 10-14 and 18-21 by Examiner's amendment.

Thereafter, upon more deliberate consideration, in a subsequent telephone interview Applicant's representative withdrew authorization to cancel allowable Claim 13, which is dependent from rejected Claim 10. The Examiner agreed to allow the amendment of Claim 10 to include the limitations of allowable Claim 13 under 37 CFR 1.312 and to the allowance of dependent Claims 11-12 and 14. The Examiner also agreed to consider Applicant's correction of other claim informalities, which are discussed more fully below.

Discussion of Amendment

Claim 1 was amended to reference "a" first and second blade position. Claim 3 was amended to more properly reference the "second active mode function" for which an antecedent basis is provided in intervening Claim 2. Claim 8 was amended to reference the "standby function" for which an antecedent basis is provided in Claim 8. Claim 10 was amended to include all limitations of Claim 13, which has been canceled. Claim 14, previously dependant from Claim 13, was amended to depend from Claim 10 amended to include the limitations of Claim 13, which has been canceled. The amendment adds no new matter and raises no new issues.

Prayer for Relief

In view of the amendment and discussion above, all Claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. Kindly enter this amendment and allow this application to issue as a United States Patent without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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